Review of poverty alleviation programmes

1991. SHRI BJ. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of various Rural Development Programmes;

(b) if so, the details of the review made and facts revealed therefrom;

(c) whether there is a need to review the poverty alleviation schemes; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has established a comprehensive system for review and monitoring of Rural Development Programmes, including poverty alleviation programmes. The programmes are being reviewed at the Central level by the Performance Review Committee. Two meetings of this Committee have so far been held. These reviews revealed that the progress of implementation of the Schemes vary from State to State and the progress varies under different programmes even within a State. There is also a need for continuous review of the programmes at periodic intervals in order to ensure that the benefits of the programmes reach the target groups and also to make mid-course corrections, if any, needed. Therefore, the Review mechanism has been institutionalised.

SCs/STs below poverty-line

1992. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the persons belonging to the SCs/STs are living below the poverty-line even now;

(b) if so, the percentage of persons belonging to the SCs/STs who are living below the poverty-line as of now as compared to the total population of the country living below poverty-line; and

(c) the action initiated by Government to bring the persons belonging to the SCs/STs above the poverty-line?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) As per the latest estimates of poverty, obtained by the Planning Commission, 48.11% of the